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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A seamless gutter and cover system comprising:

a gutter formed from a first coil of material having a front face, a bottom and a rear portion extending upward to a top segment;

a cover formed from a second coil of material, wherein the cover extends over the gutter and has a debris separation portion extending above the front face of the gutter, and a flange lip portion extending upward and wrapping over adjacent the top segment of the gutter, ~~and~~

interlocking means for coupling wherein the lip portion and the top segment of the gutter and cover are pressed together along their length to form a single unit an integral gutter and cover assembly.

9. (Original) The gutter and cover system according to claim 8, wherein the cover further comprises a kinetic energy dispersion section intermediate the rear portion of the gutter and the debris separation portion of the cover.

10. (Original) The gutter and cover system according to claim 8, wherein the interlocking means comprises crimping the top segment of the gutter and the flange portion of the cover together to interlock the top segment of the gutter with the flange portion of the cover.

11. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 8, wherein the gutter is made of a first material and the cover is made of a second material.

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12. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 11, wherein the first material comprises aluminum and the second material comprises copper.
13. (Currently Amended) The gutter and cover system of claim 8, wherein the gutter and cover are attached integrally connected without a connector member.
14. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 8, further comprising mounting means for securing the system to the edge of the roof.
15. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 14, wherein the mounting means further comprises mounting hardware for securing the system to the edge of the roof, wherein the mounting hardware extends through a hole in the gutter and cover system.
16. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 15, wherein said mounting means is repeatedly positioned at determined distances along said gutter and cover system.
17. (Original) The gutter and cover system of claim 8, further comprising an internal support member for reinforcing the gutter and cover.
18. (Currently Amended) The gutter and cover system according to claim 17, wherein the internal support member further comprises a debris separation support segment juxtaposed to an underside of the debris separation portion of the cover and having a profile with an upper edge matching the debris separation portion of the cover, and a rear portion extending downward to a front face segment.
19. (Original) The gutter and cover system described in claim 18, further comprising fixation means for securing the internal support member with respect to the gutter and cover system.
20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the fixation means further comprises mounting hardware for securing the internal support member to the gutter and cover

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system, wherein the mounting hardware extends through a hole in the ~~debris separation portion of the cover gutter~~ and into a hole in the debris separation support segment.

21. (Original) The system according to claim 20, wherein the internal support member is repeatedly positioned at determined distances along said gutter and cover system.

[20] 22. (Currently Amended) A seamless gutter and cover system comprising:

a gutter having a front face, a curving ~~top~~ front portion extending rearward and downward, a bottom and a rear portion extending upward to a top segment;

a an integral cover extending over the gutter, having a curving front portion extending downward and rearward above the front face of the gutter, a concave pooling portion intermediate the rear portion of the gutter and the curving front portion of the cover, and a flange lip portion extending upward and wrapping over adjacent the top segment of the gutter, ~~and~~

interlocking means for coupling wherein the lip portion and the top segment of the gutter and cover are pressed together along their length to form a single unit an integral gutter and cover assembly.

[21] 23. (Currently Amended) The system described in ~~claim 20~~ claim 22, wherein said front face defines a K-style profile.

[22] 24. (Currently Amended) The system described in ~~claim 20~~ claim 22, wherein said front face defines a continuously curved profile.

[23] 25. (Currently Amended) The system described in ~~claim 20~~ claim 22, wherein said front face defines a substantially square profile.

26-27. (Cancelled)

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28. (New) The gutter and cover system according to claim 9, wherein the kinetic energy dispersion section comprises a pooling section.

29. (New) The gutter and cover system according to claim 28, further comprising an internal support member having a pooling segment profile juxtaposed to an underside of the pooling section of the cover, and a rear portion extending downward to a front face segment.